

2020 Seattle City Council Budget Action

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Budget Action Title: Proviso on \$63,000 in SDCI for updates to green building standards

Ongoing: No Has Budget Proviso: Yes

Has CIP Amendment: No Has Attachment: No

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Council Members:

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Council Bill or Resolution:

Date		Total	LH	BH	KS	AP	DJ	MO	SB	TM	LG
	Yes	0									
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Budget Action Description:

This budget action imposes a proviso on appropriations in the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI). Expenditures subject to the proviso will be limited to use for updates to green building standards administered by SDCI, as follows:

"Of the appropriations in the 2020 Budget to the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections, \$63,000 is appropriated solely to develop updates to green building standards and green-building incentive programs, which will be proposed to the Council, and may be spent for no other purpose. The Council anticipates that proposed updates will include incentives to use FSC-certified cross-laminated timber as a construction material."

SDCI administers a variety of programs and regulations that require or provide incentives for using green building practices. These programs include incentives for new downtown buildings to meet a United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard, an incentive pilot program to meet Living Building Challenge standards, and incentives to develop to the Built Green 4-star standard. These programs and regulations were established at various times and were intended to accomplish somewhat different objectives. A comprehensive review of the programs and regulations will help the Council understand whether the programs should be revised to help the City achieve its overall green building and climate protection objectives.